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LITHUANIA TO BUY NEW FUEL FROM VENEZUELA. Lithuanian Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius, speaking on 2 May about his recent trip to Venezuela and Columbia, said Lithuania will import a new type of fuel--orimulsion-- from Venezuela. A 15-year contract with the company BITOR Europe Ltd. is to be signed within two weeks, and the first shipment should arrive in two to three months. The cost of the fuel, including transportation, will be around $50 per ton for the first two years or about half the cost of the Russian heating oil currently being used. The main user of orimulsion will be the country's thermal power plants, which will undergo minor, relatively inexpensive reconstruction to be able to use the new fuel. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INVESTMENT IN LITHUANIA. About 90 foreign guests--including representatives from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and several European Union countries--attended a conference in Vilnius on 4 May devoted to acquainting Western investors with Lithuania's state investment program. Total direct foreign investment to date in Lithuania of $170 million is considerably lower than in either Estonia or Latvia. Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius said that funds for investment will rise from 2.4% of GDP in 1993 to 5% in 1997. The Lithuanian government will primarily invest in the energy and transport industries as well as in environmental protection and health care projects. -- Saulius Girnius, OMRI, Inc.